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Sunnyside Gladiolus Gardens

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GLADIOLUS MRS. DR. NORTON

PRICE LIST 1917

THE NEWER GLADIOLI

Wonderful improvements have been accomplished with the Gladiolus within the past ten or twelve years.

The great variety and combinations of color, form of the flowers and style of spike in the several classes to which they have evolved, together with the simple cultural requirements, have made the gladiolus the most popular of all garden flowers.

The varieties I offer in this catalog have all been grown in my gardens, or have been favorably reported by the American Gladiolus Society and National Gladiolus Society, (Great Britain).

I have discarded many of the older varieties, and some of the newer sorts that do not meet the requirements of what a named variety should be. I have also discontinued growing the common and older mixtures that have been in the catalogs year after year, so that the purchaser of my mixtures is assured of extra fine quality in any mixture purchased of me.

The American Gladiolus Society was organized in Boston, May 27, 1910.

It was formed for the purpose of stimulating interest, and in promoting the culture and development of the Gladiolus. I was secretary of the society from its organization until August 1914, and can say that much credit should be given this society for the tremendous popularity the Gladiolus now enjoys.

Unless otherwise directed, I will not send substitutes for such varieties that are not in stock, or that I cannot supply. *Orders to any amount at single bulb or dozen rate prices will be sent carriage free. If sent by express, 25 bulbs at 100 rate. No orders filled for less than 50 cents. As a guarantee of good faith, cash to the amount of 25% of the order should accompany all C. O. D. orders.

*On all orders west of Ohio and south of Virginia add 5c per dozen bulbs. Foreign orders add 10c per dozen.

Purchasers of my bulbs are requested to report promptly all mistakes in filling orders and any bulbs that are not true to name will be replaced two for one the following season.

SIZE OF BULBS

There seems to be a general idea that bulbs of monster size are preferable for producing large spikes of flowers. Now, some of the most desirable varieties never produce bulbs exceeding 1¼ inches in diameter, but all bulbs that I send out will be fully matured regardless of their size, and will produce splendid spikes of flowers. **I do not sell old, worn-out bulbs, my bulbs are young, and will bloom for years.**

HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR THE GLADIOLUS

Gladioli may be planted from early spring until the middle of June. If possible spade in some barnyard manure the previous fall. If this manure is not available, use a good potato fertilizer in the drill or pulverized sheep manure, or both; mix thoroughly with the soil. Set the bulbs two to four inches apart in a double row in the drill, and the drills about 30 inches apart, or if in single rows 16 or 18 inches apart. The bulbs should be planted six to eight inches deep.

Gladioli are also very effective planted among shrubbery and hardy perennials, but not in too shady a location as they require much sunshine. Gladioli will do well in any soil fairly enriched, but if the soil is clay it is a good plan to use enough sandy loam or even pure sand to just cover the bulbs in the drill. Water once a week during a continued drouth, applying about 2 gallons to 5 feet of row.

Dig the bulbs in October and immediately cut off the stalks a half inch from the bulb, and after they are thoroughly dried, remove the old roots and store in a cool but frost-proof room or cellar.

VARIOUS MIXTURES OF HIGHEST QUALITY

GIANT ORCHID-FLOWERING GLADIOLUS LEMOINEI (Gage)

This magnificent new strain of The Lemoinei Butterfly Hybrids is the result of crossing the best types of the Lemoinei varieties on Gladiolus Mrs. Frank Pendleton, one of the most beautiful gladioli ever produced.

The plants are vigorous, bearing strong spikes of enormous, well expanded flowers in dainty tints of pink, white and cream; dazzling scarlets and rich dark red shades with the characteristic blotches of carmine, scarlet and maroon, producing a flower at once distinctive and beautiful. As the stock is yet limited, only one dozen will be sold to each purchaser. Per dozen bulbs \$1.00.

GAGE'S SUNNYSIDE HYBRIDS

These are a strain of seedlings of the choicest varieties of my own hybridizing.

In writing of this strain, Mr. H. E. Meader says in the Florists' Review:

"L. Merton Gage is kept quite busy at present selecting and marking the choicest specimens in the finest collections of seedlings I ever examined. Among the many fine things, I counted ten solid whites and also eight yellows, one of which surpasses anything now on the market. The finest of these is yellow as a Von Sion Narcissus, and of fine form and substance. A white seedling as large as Princeps at its best, of perfectly pure paper-white color showed no tinge of deepening color under a broiling sun."

Gage's Sunnyside Hybrids in choicest mixture

\$1.00 doz. 6 doz. \$5.00

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS (Gage)

Very dainty and beautiful varieties obtained from crossing Primulinus (species) on garden varieties. All shades of yellow, salmon and orange, and from nearly pure white to brilliant scarlet. The most graceful gladioli of all for vases. The strain I offer is my own production.

5c each. 50c per doz. \$3.50 per 100.

GAGE'S HYBRID SEEDLINGS

A very choice seedling mixture that will be sure to please you as it will give you a collection of varieties entirely new, and will prove to be much superior to most standard mixtures.

All Colors Mixed—per doz. 35c. per 100 \$2.50

EXTRA SELECTED STANDARD COLLECTION

This is a splendid collection I have made up from the finest varieties and mixtures of European and American Specialists.

All Colors Mixed—per doz. 35c. per 100 \$2.50

NOVELTIES FOR 1917

MRS. DR. NORTON—The grandest and most beautiful Gladiolus produced by Mr. Kunderd. The sensation of the last two exhibitions of the American Gladiolus Society, winning First Prize, offered by President Fairbanks at the Newport show for the best New Seedling in a class of about twenty-five competitors, and was awarded the Certificate of Merit (highest award) of the Society. The same year (1915) it was given a First Class Certificate of Merit by the Worcester County Horticultural Society. August 17th it won the Silver Medal of the Newport Garden Club and Newport Horticultural Society, and August 26th, 1916, (after it had been previously inspected in the field) it was awarded the Silver Medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Very large and well open flowers, well set on a tall and graceful spike, four to eight flowers in bloom at one time. Color, white, the edges suffused with soft La France pink. The three lower petals have a blotch of sulphur yellow, stained at the base with fine specks of Tyrian pink. Strong and vigorous grower, and very free flowering.....**Price, \$1.50 each.**

As stock is limited, only 10 bulbs will be sold to each purchaser.

MRS. EMMA TUCKER (Gage)—Lovely soft pink; the three lower petals blotched with bright rosolane purple. The flowers are very large and beautiful. Excellent for cutting. **\$1.00 each.**

WILLETTA CURTIS (Gage)—Pale vinaceous fawn color, with a stripe of rosolane purple on a light buff throat.

25c each. \$2.50 per doz.

GOLIATH—A very early variety from Holland Pomegranate purple with streaks of black running through all the petals.

20c each. \$2.00 per doz.

LIST OF STANDARD VARIETIES

ADELINE PATTI—Deep Violet. Larger than Baron Hulot. Strong**25c each.**

AMARYLLIS (Kunderd)—Blood red, of a brilliant tint. Spike of medium height. Flowers large and formed very like an Amaryllis. One of the best of the reds..**25c each. \$2.50 per doz.**

AMERICA—Beautiful soft shell-pink, very large.

5c each. 50c per doz.

- ARISTOPHANE (Brunelet)**—Salmon pink, with a slight rosy tinge, and bearing a white band in the center of each petal. The lower petals bear a blotch of pale yellow faintly lined with rich red. The flowers are large and well opened. Spike tall and straight.....**25c each.**
- AUGUSTA**—White with lavender anthers and markings on the petals**5c each. 50c per doz.**
- ATTRACTION**—Deep crimson with pure white throat. Large.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- BARON JOSEPH HULOT (Lemoine)**—Rich purple violet. Flowers of medium size but of graceful form. Good for cutting.
5c each. 50c per doz.
- BERLINIA (Cowee)**—Beautiful shade of shell-pink flaked with spots of a darker shade, the throat and three lower petals brilliantly marked with strong carmine...**25c each. \$2.50 per doz.**
- BRENCHELEYENSIS**—Vermilion scarlet, an old but popular variety**5c each. 50c per doz.**
- BLUE JAY**—Fine light blue, splashed with white.
20c each \$2.00 per doz.
- CANARY BIRD**—Pure light yellow, a fine flower.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- CHARLEMAGNE**—A French introduction of the Giant type, with very large, open flowers on massive spikes; color described by introducer as sunrise-red, flaked darker, and marked with large creamy-white blotches, densely dotted with purple-carmine**20c each. \$2.00 per doz.**
- CHERRY KING**—Bright rich cherry color with deeper throat.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- CHICAGO WHITE**—The earliest white, a fine large flower.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- DAISY RAND (Kunderd)**—Soft rose pink splashed with a darker tone. Fine**15c each. \$1.50 per doz.**
- DAWN (Tracy)**—Rose pink, of a beautiful tint.
15c each. \$1.50 per doz.
- DORA KRAIS (Pfitzer)**—Rich buff flecked with rosy pink.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- DESDEMONE (Vilmorin)**—Flowers of ashy rose ground color.
20c each. \$2.00 per doz.
- ELIZABETH KURTZ (Pfitzer)**—Alabaster white, slightly flecked with rosy pink. Fine**15c each. \$1.50 per doz.**
- EMPRESS OF INDIA (Velthuys)**—Rich dark red with a purplish tinge—a rare and beautiful color.....**10c each. \$1.00 per doz.**
- EUROPA—(Pfitzer)**—Snowy white, without a trace of color. Finest white yet offered.....**15c each. \$1.50 per doz.**
- ENCHANTRESS (Miller)**—Blush white, lightly flaked with lake pink toward the margins; throat encircled on the lower petals with carmine lake blotch; a dusting of golden bronze zoning; the blotch is unique.....**15c each. \$1.50 per doz.**

- FLORENCE**—Very large flower; lilac with white throat; splendid variety 25c. each. \$2.50 per doz.
- FIRE RIBBON**—(New 1915)—Tall, with very many blooms open at a time. The spike is a long, fiery band of glowing red.
30c each. \$3.00 per doz.
- GAIETY**—Bright salmon pink, flaked deep salmon red. Very conspicuous pure white blotches on lower petals. Large flower and tall spikes. Exceptionally attractive.
15c each. \$1.50 per doz.
- GALLIENI (Brunelet)**—Poppy red of intense tone, shading to pink in the throat; a creamy blotch on the lower petal. The Award of merit, London, 1913..... 35c each. \$3.50 per doz.
- GEO. PAUL**—Large deep crimson flowers stained yellow.
10c each. 75c per doz.
- GOVERNOR HANLEY**—(K) Cardinal red with darker throat, fine
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- HALLEY**—Very large salmon pink flowers, very early.
5c each. 50c doz.
- IDA VAN**—Brilliant orange red, large showy flower.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- I. S. HENRICKSON (Childs)**—Deep pink and white, irregularly mottled. In some plants the white predominates and in others the pink. Flowers very large. 10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- JEAN DIEULAFOY**—Delicate creamy yellow with rose blotch.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- KUNDERDI GLORY**—Ruffled, soft creamy tint penciled crimson.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- LE TRIOMPHE (Brunelet)**—Purplish mauve splashed with a darker tone and striped with carmine; creamy white blotch on lower petals. Flowers very large and well expanded, measuring four to five inches across. A showy flower of great merit.
25c each. \$2.50 per doz.
- LOVELINESS (Van Konijnenburg)**—As its name implies this variety produces flowers of distinction in daintiness and beauty. The color is of pale creamy tone, soft and delicate, with a roseate tinge in the centre. The flowers are large and well placed on the spike; and as a major part of these splendid blossoms are open at one time they make this variety superior for decorative effect 15c each. \$1.50 per doz.
- LIEBESFEUR (Fitscher)**—A magnificent large flowering dark scarlet. Certificate of merit at London and Haarlem. Extra.
25c each. \$2.50 per doz.
- MARY FENNELL (Kunderd)**—Deep lavender shading to a paler tint; lower petals primrose-yellow with pencilling of lavender.
15c each. \$1.50 per doz.
- MRS. A. E. KUNDERD**—Large white flower, superb form, elegant.
25c each.
- MRS. FRANCIS KING**—Large, well expanded scarlet flower, tall and graceful. Popular 5c each. 50c per doz.

- MRS. FRANK PENDLETON JR.**—Bright salmon pink with a blood red blotch on lower petals, very showy, elegant.
15c each. \$1.25 per doz.
- MRS. G. W. MOULTON**—A rich dark red with a darker throat, fine25c each. \$2.50 per doz.
- MRS. MALCOLM MACKAY**—Bright scarlet with a white throat, fine25c each. \$2.50 per doz.
- MEPHISTOPHLES**—Bright crimson splashed with dark crimson and yellow. Large and attractive flower.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- MYRTLE (Kunderd)**—Tender and delicate rose pink, the most beautiful pink yet produced in a gladiolus. The throat is creamy white, with, sometimes a small patch of pale primrose yellow on the inferior petals. Blooms early. Awarded a silver medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in 1912.
15c each. \$1.50 per doz.
- MONS. A. BRONGNIART (Brunelet)**—Ground color rose pink, slightly tinged with orange, and splashed with red. A large white blotch on the lower petal. Much admired.
15c each. \$1.50 per doz.
- NEGERFURST (Pfitzer)**—Brilliant velvety dark red, flaked with black. The white blotch is flaked with lilac pink. This variety shows an extremely vigorous growth, producing spikes more than two feet in length. Early flowering. Extra.
20c each. \$2.00 per doz.
- NIAGARA**—Soft creamy yellow more or less tinted with pink.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- NORMA DEE CHILDS (Childs)**—Large delicate shell pink flowers with darker mottling. Soft primrose in the throat. Very beautiful10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- PARURE (Brunelet)**—Rose pink, of satiny texture, white line in center of petals, edges pencilled with carmine. Flowers very large. A graceful, attractive and beautiful variety.
25c each. \$2.50 per doz.
- PRINCESS OF ORANGE (Kunderd)**—A new variety of deep orange color, relieved by a fine line of white. The blossoms are of large size but of graceful form, making a spike that is exceedingly attractive25c each. \$2.50 per doz.
- PIONEER (Brunelet)**—Long spike with large, well-expanded flowers of salmon pink, splashed with a darker tone.
5c each. 50c per doz. \$3.00 per 100.
- PRINCEPS**—Dazzling scarlet, white blotch, immense flowers.
5c each. 50c per doz.
- PEACE**—Very large open white flower, pale red blotch, fine
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.
- PROPHETESSE (Lemoine)**—White with crimson throat. Flowers large and well expanded. Blooms early. Beautiful.
5c each. 50c per doz.

PRIMULINUS—A new and rare species, discovered in South Africa. The color is a clear primrose yellow.

10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

QUARTINIANUS (South Africa)—A valuable species for hybridizing, producing tall spikes with large flowers of great substance in finest colors. Color Nopal red with a line of olive yellow running through the lateral petals, lower petal olive yellow edged with red. Start in pots February 1st and plant out middle of May (very late bloomer) 25c each. \$2.50 per doz.

RAJAH (Kunderd)—Deep, rich red, suffused with a darker tint. Flowers of immense size, four to five inches across—four to six open at one time. Plant tall and vigorous. The best dark red yet produced. Awarded a silver medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston, August 19, 1911.

25c each. \$2.50 per doz.

ROSY SPRAY (Childs)—Pale rose pink suffused with a deeper tone. Flowers large, wide open and of exceedingly graceful lily-like form. One of the best.....10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

REINE DE L'ANJOU—Pure white, except a small crimson line at the bottom of the throat5c each. 50c per doz.

ROSELLA—Carmine purple, near magenta, large showy flower.

10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

SCHWABEN—A variety of extreme vigor, many of the bulbs producing two or three flowering stalks which very often produce side branches besides. The stalk produces about 20 very large flowers, 6 to 8 usually open at one time. The color is the best of clear Canary yellow, shading to a soft sulphury yellow when opening15c each. \$1.50 per doz.

SCARSDALE—Immense lavender pink shaded dark rose, grand.

10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

SHAKESPEARE—White suffused rose, an old standby.

10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

SUMMER BEAUTY—A fine tall pink, a very choice variety.

25c each. \$2.50 per doz.

SNOWBANK (Cowee)—Fine spike of well-formed flowers; white, stained red at base of petals

5c each, 50c per doz. \$4.00 per 100

SULPHUR KING (Childs)—Clear sulphur yellow—the best of the yellows. Beautiful flowers and vigorous plant. Spike straight and strong20c each. \$2.00 per doz.

TAVISTOCK (Gage)—Similar to Princeps, of which it is a seedling, but more flowers appear at one time

10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

VENICE (Gage)—A dainty and distinct new color for the gladiolus. Venetian pink; the lower petals having a blotch of sulphur yellow striped with ox-heart red. Very free flowering, and one of the earliest to bloom.....25c each.

WELLESLEY (Gage)—A very pretty lilac pink, the two lower petals of a soft primrose with crimson throat mark. Novelty, 1915 **15c each. \$1.50 per doz.**

WAR (Groff)—Deep blood red, shaded crimson-black.
15c each. \$1.50 per doz.

WILD ROSE (Childs)—Bright rose pink, more or less splashed with lighter and deeper tints, fine lines of deep pink on lower petals. Flowers large and of graceful form. One of the best.
10c each. \$1.00 per doz.

WILLIAM STEINHAUSEN (Pfitzer)—Soft scarlet with pale crimson blotches on lower petals. Unopened buds, livid scarlet. A splendid variety. Awarded a first-class certificate by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society **50c each.**

Letters of Appreciation

I purchased two hundred thousand gladioli last season and those that I got of you were the finest that I bought.

H. P. VAN WAGNER, Gladiolus Specialist.

Stoney Creek, Ontario, Nov. 9, 1915.

REGARDING GLADIOLUS MRS. FRANK PENDLETON

From H. Youell, Secretary, American Gladiolus Society.

Dear Mr. Gage:—It gave me very great pleasure to inspect your gladiolus fields and note the high state of cultivation of everything growing there.

The total absence of disease was very apparent. Among all your beautiful sorts, Mrs. Frank Pendleton, to my mind, is the finest, for it is in a class by itself. The immense spikes of such gorgeously colored flowers commands attention at once from professionals and amateurs alike.

Wishing you continued success,

H. YUELL.

Mrs. Frank Pendleton was the best in one of the hottest and driest seasons we ever had.

HENRY C. ECKERT, Gladiolus Specialist, Belleville, Ill.



GLADIOLUS MRS. FRANK PENDLETON
Grown from $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Bulbs

Mrs. Dr. Norton

The GRANDEST and most BEAUTIFUL Gladiolus produced by Mr. Kunderd. The SENSATION of the last two exhibitions of the American Gladiolus Society, winning FIRST PRIZE, offered by President Fairbanks at the Newport show for the best New Seedling in a class of about twenty-five competitors, and was awarded the CERTIFICATE of MERIT (highest award) of the Society. The same year (1915) it was given a FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE of MERIT by the Worcester County Horticultural Society. August 17th it won the SILVER MEDAL of the Newport Garden Club and Newport Horticultural Society, and August 26th, 1916, (after it had been previously inspected in the field) it was awarded the SILVER MEDAL of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

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Very large and well open flowers, well set on a tall and graceful spike, four to eight flowers in bloom at one time. Color, white, the edges suffused with soft La France pink. The three lower petals have a blotch of sulphur yellow, stained at the base with fine specks of Tyrian pink. Strong and vigorous grower, and very free flowering.

PRICE \$1.50 EACH

As stock is limited, only 10 bulbs will be sold to each purchaser.

Here are six varieties that should be planted in the gardens of every reader of this magazine:

Aristophane (Brunelet)—Salmon pink, with a slight rosy tinge, and bearing a white band in the center of each petal. The flower petals bear a blotch of pale yellow faintly lined with rich red. The flowers are large and well opened. Spike tall and straight..... 25c each

Florence Souchet—Bright lilac, with large blotch on the lower petals. Flowers of unusually large size and exceedingly attractive coloring. First prize at Boston—1916..... 25c each, \$2.50 per doz.

Shwaben (Pfitzer)—Large canary yellow flowers, with a carmine blotch in the throat. Winner of many prizes in this country and Europe... 15c ea., \$1.50 doz.

Mrs. G. W. Moulton (Kunderd)—Beautiful red flower of the dark, rich tone of the American Beauty Rose, splashed with a darker tone on the inferior petals which also bear delicate tracings of

white. The spike is tall and straight, the leaves large and firm and with its large, graceful and richly colored flowers it makes an especially attractive plant for garden effect. Excellent for cutting.

25c ea., \$2.50 per doz.

Mrs. L. Merton Gage (Kunderd) (13)—Glistening white, with an occasional suffusion of delicate pink; lower petals bear a dainty strippling of rose pink. Anthers purplish blue. Flowers of good size and graceful form. Spike straight and strong; blooms early. One of the best of the whites. Awarded a First Class Certificate of Merit by the Worcester Co. Horticultural Society, Worcester, Mass., Aug. 12, 1915..... 25c ea., \$2.50 per doz.

Red Emperor (Dominion)—Groff; Enormous flowers of a rich red color. Won first prize for best red at American Gladiolus Society's Show at Boston, 1916. 35c ea., \$3.50 per doz.

One Bulb Each of all bulbs described on this page for \$2.50 postpaid.

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L. Merton Gage, Prop.

Natick, Mass.



MRS. DR. NORTON

grown from a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch bulb.